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Read the following:-

I.
From the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, F.23(5)PV(I)/48, dated the 18th September 1948.

II.
From the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, No.F. 25(5)PV (I)/48, dated the 8th September 1948.

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Sub: The New Indian passport - Diplomatic and Ordinary.

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The Government of India have introduced a new passport which is in two categories: Diplomatic and Ordinary. A specimen of the new Ordinary Passport (No.A.2090) is forwarded herewith, the receipt of which may kindly be acknowledged. It will be observed that the new passport is different from the existing British Indian passport in design, and there are also several changes in the printed matter. The following features may particularly be noted:-

(i) The passports will have the number serially printed on page 1. The first passport available for issue bears the number: A- 002001.

(ii) Pages 31 and 32 have been reserved for entries in regard to issue of foreign exchange for travelling expenses.

(iii) The regulations and instructions printed on the inside of the back cover have been revised.

2.-~~The following instructions printed on the inside of~~ the- 2. The following instructions should be observed in issuing the new Indian Passport:-

(i) Since the new passports will be serially numbered, it will be necessary for the Passport Issuing Authorities to maintain a record of the receipt and issue of the passports in such a manner as to account for each passport booklet supplied to them. At the end of each month a statement should be sent to the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, giving the total number of the new passport booklets issued and the serial numbers thereof, and the number of booklets left in stock. The statement should also include particulars of any passport booklets that may have been damaged or otherwise rendered unfit for issue.

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(ii) Each Passport Issuing Authority should maintain a series of its own for the passports issued by it, and the serial number of the Passport Issuing Authority should be entered, enclosed in a rectangle , on the top left hand corner of page 1 of the passport: (e.g. ~~2506~~ 2560)

(iii) In quoting the printed number of the passport in correspondence the zeroes proceeding the number may be omitted; thus the number: A 002000, may be quoted as: A 2001.

(iv) In the regulations printed on the inside of the back cover, Regulations 3 and 4 correspond to Regulations 10 and 11 on the existing passports. Therefore, in cases in which passports are endorsed for "British Empire", the following wording shall be used:-

"British Empire (See Regulations 3 and 4).

3. The New Indian Passports will be distributed by the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, and not by the Central Forms Store, Calcutta. Indents for the supply of the new passport will, therefore, have to be placed with this Ministry, whereas indents for the supply of the existing passport booklets, "S.108" will continue to be placed with the Central Forms Store, Calcutta, as hitherto. The new passport booklets will not be available for some time to come for distribution to Passport Issuing Authorities in India. The Minister may, however, be informed of the requirements of the Passport Issuing Authorities in India of the new booklet for the first two months.

4. The new Indian passport and the existing British Indian passport will stand exactly on the same footing and can be issued both to Indians and other British subjects. It is, however, obvious that Indians, will have a greater preferance for the new Indian passport whereas other British subjects may prefere to have the existing British Indian passport. For this reason, and in view of the fact that the new Indian passport will not be available in sufficiently large numbers for some time to come, the Passport Issuing Authorities in India should limit the issue of the new Indian passport to Indians. Indians also should not, however, be encouraged to get their valid British or British Indian passports exchanged for the new Indian Passport, until adequate supplies of the new Indian passport are available with Passport Issuing Authorities. Outside India, the new Indian Passport will be issued only by Indian Representatives abroad to Indians.

5. Instructions relating to the issue of the Indian Diplomatic passport are contained in the Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relation's Express Letter No.F.23(5)PV(I)/48, dated the 8th September 1948.

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From the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, No.F.23(5) -PV(I)/48, dated the 8th September 1948.

Sub: Indian Diplomatic passport.

The Government of India have introduced a new Indian Deiplomatic Passport. The Diplomatic passport is of the same design as the new Indian passport (instructions relating to which have been communicated to Passport Issuing Authorities in this Ministry's Circular Express Letter No.F.60(13)-P/47, dated the 8th September 1948), with the exception that the Diplomatic passport ~~Iss~~ has a maroon-coloured cover instead of black, and the words: "Diplomatic Passport" are inscribed on the cover and on page 1 of the passport.

2. A note, containing instructions relating to the issue of Indian ~~Pa~~ Diplomatic passports and categories of persons eligible to receive such passports, is forwarded herewith. The categories of persons eligible to receive Diplomatic passports are under further review; they will however be strictly adhered to until they are revised.

It will be observed that in India Diplomatic passports will not be issued by the Passport Issuing Authorities, but only by the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations. The Passport Issuing Authorities may, however, entertain applications from persons eligible to receive Diplomatic passports, and forward them to the Government of India, after the verification and scrutiny, for the issue of Diplomatic passports, ~~after the verification and~~

4. The first Indian Diplomatic passport available for issue bears the number: D. 000001.

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Issue of Indian Diplomatic Passports.

Indian Diplomatic passports will be issued, at the discretion, of the Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, to persons within the following categories:-

(i) The Governor-General of India and Governors of Provinces in India.

(ii) The Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers of India, and Ministers of State.

(iii) Indian Ambassadors, Ministers, High Commissioners and Officers of Diplomatic rank serving India abroad, including Consular Officers, Attaches, and Trade Commissioners.

(iv) Indian Officials and other proceeding abroad on behalf of the Government of India on a mission of Diplomatic character.

(v) Indian Officials or public men serving on International organizations who are deemed by the Government of India to have a Diplomatic status.

(vi) Wives and families of persons included in the above categories, if travelling with them or proceeding to and from the posts at which they are stationed.

(vii) Indian Diplomatic couriers.

2. Persons who are eligible for the grant of Indian Diplomatic passports are not precluded from travelling on ordinary passports if, for any reason, they are unable to provide themselves with Indian Diplomatic passports. The fact that an Indian official or public man does not hold an Indian Diplomatic passport does not, therefore, by itself, constitute evidence that he does not hold Diplomatic status.

3. Indian Diplomatic passports will ~~automatically~~ be issued in India by the Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, New Delhi, and outside India by Indian Diplomatic and Consular Officers and other Representatives empowered to issue passports.

4. An Indian Diplomatic passport will automatically cease to be valid if the person to whom it was issued ceases to exercise the functions which rendered him eligible to receive a Diplomatic passport. In such an event an Indian Diplomatic passport will have to be surrendered to the Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, New Delhi, or to a Diplomatic or Consular officers empowered to issue passports to Indians abroad.

5. Indian Diplomatic passports may be made valid, at the discretion of the issuing authority and according to the requirement of each case, for a period ranging from one year to five years, in the first instance. They may similarly be renewed for a further maximum period of five years.

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/By order of His Excellency the Governor/

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